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OLD CONYNGHAM BUILDING REMODELED — Now the new Student Center on Campus.

Student Center Opens

The opening day of classes for the 1979 fall semester brought many new faces to the Wilkes Campus, including a new Student Union-Cafeteria complex at the cost of \$400,000.

After much time in the planning stages, what was formerly known as the Conyngham Building on River Street is now referred to as the Student Center. This center will take over the functions of the Student Union Building and Commons here at Wilkes. The old SUB building will be used for theater and speech classes while the Commons will be razed in order to expand the Chase Courtyard.

The basement of the center is only half completed and is expected to be finished in about two weeks. This section is planned to have food vending machines and numerous tables and chairs. A stereo system will also be installed although it is doubtful whether each room will have a speaker due to the enormous cost. It is in the basement where most of the parties at the center will originate, and according to Dave Kerek, Student Center President, the first party is scheduled to take place in about two weeks.

The first floor of the structure is the only level which is finished. This floor serves as the cafeteria and provides two seating areas.

The second floor is in use and will be the location of the used bookstore and the center's television room. The TV will be located in a room containing large leather chairs featuring both cable and local television stations. Kerek mentioned the possibility of a large TV viewing screen, possibly funded by Student Government and also a home box office unit.

After a great amount of work with little success, the third floor of the center will remain closed due to fire regulations. Initially this floor

was to be used for student apartments or office space, but unless state legislation changes in the near future, the use of this level will not be possible.

During the year, Kerek will be assisted by three directors in order to handle the many responsibilities of the center. These assistant directors are Kevin O'Brien, Lisa Prokaryon and Mike Cannonico. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Peter Steve

HersheyPark or Bust First College Trip Sunday

It's the first week of classes, everyone is back together and what are they talking about? What else but HersheyPark!! There can't be too many people on campus who don't know what the excitement is all about.

The "talk of the campus" is "Wilkes College Day" at HersheyPark to be held Sunday, Sept. 16th. The event of the year is under the direction of Student Government with efforts led by David Blumfield. Blumfield is "confident that it is the largest event Wilkes College ever had."

The SG President has worked closely the entire summer with Dean Arthur Hoover, "an avid HersheyPark fan"; Todd Pierce, the Wilkes-Barre Representative for Hershey Park; and Becky Kelly, Head of Group Sales. Blumfield found Pierce and Kelly "a tremendous help and extremely cooperative."

"Wilkes College Day" is a first for both Wilkes and HersheyPark. There is definite excitement on both parts for the upcoming event. For those who don't know, HersheyPark has within its boundaries — three roller coasters, including

Educator From Minnesota Fills Academic Position

In the beginning of August our new Academic dean began his job. He is Dr. Gerald Hartdagen, and his title is Dean of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Hartdagen grew up in Thurmont, Maryland. After he graduated from high school he served in the Navy for four years during the Korean War. In January of 1953 he entered the University of Maryland at College Park. He graduated in 1957 with a B.A. in History. Hartdagen says, "I liked it so much I stayed an extra Semester".

A Danforth Fellowship enabled him to attend graduate school at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he received an M.A. in History.

In the summer of 1959 he joined the faculty of the Illinois State University as a replacement member for two years.

Hartdagen returned to Northwestern to finish his studies in 1963. In the fall of 1964 he completed his dissertation on "The Anglican Church in Colonial Maryland". At this time he got his first permanent job at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa., where he taught as an assistant professor for four years.

Meanwhile, his dissertation was approved and he received his Ph.D. from Northwestern in 1965.

In the fall of 1968 he accepted a

position at Purdue University as an associate professor of History.

Hartdagen received tenure in 1972 and was promoted to a full professor in 1973.

He has been active in publications since 1968, having written several articles for professional



Dr. Gerald Hartdagen

journals. At Purdue he was active in Faculty Governance. This qualified him for a position as a Vice President at Concordia College in Moorhead Minnesota in 1975. "I feel that my four years at Concordia were very productive, and I learned a great deal", Hartdagen commented, "I almost hated to leave".

Dr. Hartdagen notes that three things motivated him to look elsewhere:

The Minnesota winters were too hard to take, he felt he was losing touch with his own discipline (Colonial History), and his family was too far away from its relatives.

With these things in mind he was interviewed in March for the position of Academic Dean. Hartdagen says that he was quite impressed and he "likes the way the campus blends into the community". He adds, "I like the sense of history of the old homes".

He is impressed with the faculty and administrators. He explains, "I am more impressed with President Capin than any of the other presidents I've worked with".

About the students here he says, "I'm very impressed and pleased with the students I have met and worked so far".

Hartdagen is living close to the college so that he can walk to school and "be completely immersed in the college". Beginning next fall he hopes to teach a course in Colonial History here.

He has two daughters — one is a second semester freshman here and the other is a senior at Wyoming Seminary. In his spare time he likes to hunt and fish.

As Dean of Academic Affairs he is responsible for all faculty and academic programs, and all chairmen of academic departments and programs report to him.

Right now his major objective is "to get to know the college and its faculty and staff and to become immersed in the college".

About his plans he says, "I don't have any ready made plans — I don't think it's proper to come in with a set of ready made plans". He does, however, have a list of priorities. They include: 1. To make sure that the visit from Middle States is successful this fall.

2. To secure a completed and approved tenure policy.

3. To get a feel for things and develop more priorities.

Louis Czachor

College Readies For Evaluation

After a year and a half of preparation, the college is presently in the final stages of re-accreditation by the Committee of Higher Education of Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Last fall, in the first phase of the accreditation process, a special group of faculty, administration and students were divided into six committees: Steering; Goals, Outcome and Program; Students and Student Life; Teaching; Faculty and Governance; and Organizational Resources and Finance.

Each committee prepared an interim report containing a candid self-analysis of any strengths and weaknesses. Presently, these reports are being compiled by Dr. Robert Kelly and Alfred Groh into a case study for submission to the accreditation committee at the end of September.

After considering this self-evaluation, a team of seven experienced educators, headed by Dr. Robert Ackerman, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts of Drew University, will visit the campus from November 4 to November 7. They will speak with students, faculty and staff members in order to make their own analysis of campus conditions. Anyone who would like to make an appointment with the committee during their visit to discuss a serious matter, should contact Dr. Hartdagen, Weckesser Hall.

On November 7, the accreditation team will present an exit review to President Capin, containing a report on any merits or deficiencies of the college.

The decision of whether or not to award accreditation will be made sometime in the spring. Every ten

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"You're not going to HersheyPark? Everyone else is!" This new student seems to be questioning why everyone isn't going to HersheyPark. For more details see the HersheyPark story on page 1.

Party Policy Revision Discussed At First Inter-Dorm Meeting

The Interdormitory Council discussed a revised party policy in residence halls at an unofficial meeting on Sunday night. The new rules allow two half kegs for a party in any outside dorm with the limitation on the number of people present set at twice the occupancy of the dorm. A party in Pickering Hall may have one half keg on any floor. The current rules to allow only a quarter keg per dorm with a maximum of fifteen people.

Florida Vacation Gains Support From SG Body

A vote of confidence was given to Joe Galli at Monday night's Student Government to investigate the possibility of a Wilkes College trip to Florida during the spring break.

Galli stated that there has been a considerable interest in the idea and he was looking for SG's support. SG would not subsidize the trip but rather take care of all the arrangements for a large group of Wilkes students to go together.

In other business, SG president Dave Blumfield reported that the Commons, now replaced by the Student Center, will be razed during the Christmas break. Concerning the Student Center, Blumfield expressed disappointment in the mess students have been leaving in the new facility. He noted that food was being brought upstairs into the lounges and that students were basically taking advantage of it.

Under the Hershey Park trip, Blumfield reported that as of Monday only 140 tickets were sold. He is hoping that sales will pick up this week. The trip is Sunday and SG is hoping for at least 500 people to participate.

Jim Edwards

Another revision is the creation of a Judicial and Social Advisory Board, consisting of ten members, which would deal with violations of the policy. Possible penalties for violators are social probation, fines or expulsion.

IDC President Mike Stapleton has posted the list of dorm students receiving parking stickers this year. Since only fifty-nine spaces are available for approximately nine hundred dorm students, IDC gives parking permits only to those students with the greatest need to have a car on campus. Although nursing students are usually the first considered since they need a car for transportation to local hospitals for use of clinical facilities, no permits were given to the Nursing students this year. However, Mike Stapleton is obtaining a list of the students who have clinical hours from the Nursing department in an attempt to form car pools among those going to the same hospital.

In other business, IDC-CC noted a loss of \$100 at the Roller Skating Party held Saturday night, due to poor attendance at the event.

The new Housing Director, Paul Adams, and his associate, Jean Reiter, were introduced. They mentioned that a new maintenance company, American Building and Maintenance has replaced the old company, Columbus Services, on campus. Adams also noted that the Housing Office has increased its hours and will now be open on Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.

until 6 p.m. The meeting ended with a reminder to members to encourage students to attend Wilkes College Day at HersheyPark on Sunday, September 16.

Mary Kay Pogar

Initial Meeting Discusses Plans For Coming Yr.

The Commuter Council recently held its weekly Monday meeting in Weckesser Hall to discuss some of this year's upcoming events. Topics under discussion included the All-College Assembly slated for September 11, the Hershey Park Trip on September 16, and the 32nd Annual Alumni Homecoming scheduled for the second weekend in October. Also brought up at the meeting were some plans for the Halloween Party and the Alpha campaign phonathon.

Bill Lewis, President of the Commuter Council, expressed his gratefulness to all who assisted in the Freshmen Orientation and complemented this year's Freshman class for their enthusiasm. President Lewis also explained that if there are any students who have questions about parking or transportation that they should drop by the CC office in Weckesser Hall for help. The office will be open three to four hours daily.

Darlene Schaffer

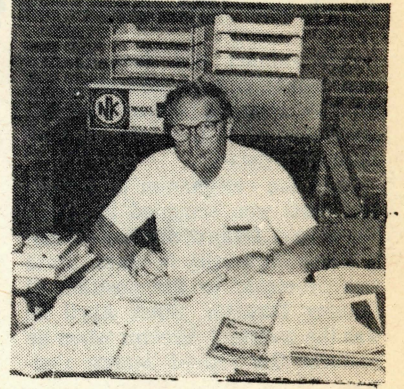
Music Dept. Gets New Head

One of the many new faces seen on campus this fall is that of Dr. Terrance Anderson, recently appointment chairman of the music department.

Dr. Anderson received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Wisconsin in choral music education and his Master's Degree in music history. He then went on to earn his Ph.D. in music from the University of Iowa. Dr. Anderson's area of specialization is conducting choral music and teaching applied voice and choral methods. He has also done extensive research in the field of music history.

Considering the academic curriculum, Dr. Anderson feels it is an evolving program with a great amount of potential. He believes the faculty and students show a high degree of motivation and desire to help it grow into the best possible music department. He continued that he would like to explore new areas in music for possible introduction into the present curriculum. This would help students be better prepared for a musical career in the competitive job market. Dr. Anderson would not, however, disclose the new areas under investigation.

In reference to extra-curricular activities, Dr. Anderson hopes for joint productions between the theater and music departments in the near future.



Dr. Terrance Anderson

He stressed that the band and chorus are open to all students. Dr. Anderson would like to see more non-music majors participate in these activities. Anyone interested in joining the band, chorus or studying applied instrument or voice is urged to contact the music department office, Darte Hall.

Patti Sparlow

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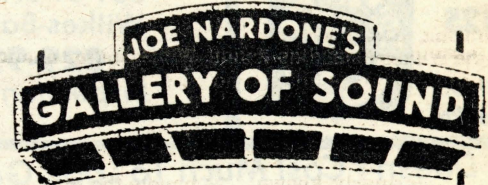
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Adams, Reiter Take Over Housing

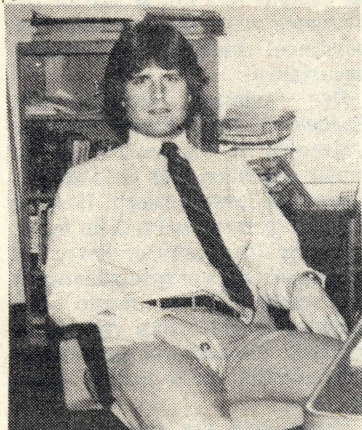
Paul Adams and Jean Reiter were appointed over the summer to head the Housing Office. They are graduates of Wilkes and former resident assistants.

Upon the resignation of Joseph Marchetti who accepted the position of Asst. Dean of Students at Holy Cross University in Mass., Paul was promoted to the position of Housing Director. Since April he was the assistant director when he replaced the retired Jeanne Conway.

Jean was hired to aid Paul with his duties in the Housing Office, however, her title is Associate Housing Director.

In explaining his role as Housing Director Paul said, "Students don't understand the function of the Housing Office. We are here to help them in any way possible." He also added that this includes "enforcing the rules to benefit everyone."

The Housing Director's job is to bridge two parts of the administration together. These are the Resident Assistants (who are considered part of the administration) and the Dean's Council. "My job is



Paul Adams

to enforce college policies and make as many students as happy as possible," said Paul.

A native of Binghamton, N.Y., Paul received his degree in Elementary Education in 1977. He was a member of the football team for four years and was selected to Who's Who.

Jean was Homecoming Queen her senior year in 1978 and received her degree in art education. She is from Emerson, N.J.

Both of them can be considered young to be working in college administration, but as Jean sees it "Does age always warrant respect?" They seem to feel confident in their positions and don't anticipate any problems relating to the students as administrators.

The Policies

Co-ed housing has been an idea kicked around with the Inter-Dormitory Council for the last couple of years. Though a final decision would be made by the Dean's Council both Paul and Jean could see co-ed housing "as an alternative lifestyle." They feel the facilities available on campus do limit where co-ed housing could be implemented but do see a lot of advantages to it.

One idea that Jean would like to see become a reality is the redistribution of the men's dorms. Currently, all the male dorms are located in one city block while the female dorms are scattered over five. The main reason behind this would be for security purposes. Last year there was talk of making Miner Hall into a female dorm and switching off with Sterling Hall but this fell through.

Concerning the party policy, when Paul and Jean attended Wilkes the policy was such that most of the keg parties were held in the dorms. Upon their return,

however, all that has changed with the new policy discouraging dorm parties.

"I understand the student's view that it is much more comfortable to have parties in the dorm but one of the biggest problems was the damage," said Paul. He sees a direct relationship between drinking and damage done to the dorms.

The Hotel Sterling

The biggest problem facing the Housing Office is the overflow of students admitted who requested housing. At the beginning of the year there were close to 180 students living in the Hotel Sterling, which the college has used in the last three years. This year,

however, is the largest amount of students by about 60.

Paul said the students will be moved out of the hotel as soon as there are openings on campus and in order of the dates on their housing contracts when they paid their housing deposit. All students are requested to be patient as Paul noted it will take time.

Right now Paul and Jean do not plan to make any major changes in running the Housing facilities this year but are rather situating themselves in a position that is very open to change.

Jim Edwards

Evaluation

From page 1

years, institutions wishing to be accredited must undergo an evaluation by the Middle States Committee. Wilkes has been accredited since 1950.

President Capin is optimistic about receiving accreditation. Having no outstanding debts, Wilkes is financially stable. In fact, a surplus is predicted for this academic year. Despite a tuition increase, enrollment is up approximately 15 percent from last year and financial aid has increased.

He continued that although there is room for improvement, academically Wilkes is a progressive institution.



Jean Reiter

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The Pride of Wilkes

Over the last four years Wilkes has gone through many changes. They have all been reported in this paper but many times people forget or they go unnoticed or they are taken for granted. This is the time to start to take notice of what Wilkes has to offer in this new era of progress.

It all began when President Capin was inaugurated the third president of the college. Since then the admissions office has been totally restaffed and is working aggressively. The Nursing Department received initial accreditation from the National League for Nursing. The Music and Commerce & Finance departments have been revitalized with strong leadership under new chairmen.

The forever vacant Conyngham Home on South River Street has been transformed into a fantastic Student Center. The Alumni now receive a magazine quarterly throughout the year keeping them in close touch with the college. The new Dean of Academic Affairs appears to be very promising and is a good example of the house cleaning that has been going on in Weckesser Hall and the college in general.

The Alumni Director is making steps to turn this year's Homecoming into an all out main event. A Communications program has been introduced. The Debate team is receiving national recognition. The college radio station is growing and improving every month.

The wrestling team continues to win and captured a second place title in the Eastern Championships last year. We have three class presidents who are taking their jobs seriously. The Engineering department continually boasts of 100 percent placement of its graduates. There are 180 students living in the Hotel which indicates a growing interest in Wilkes outside the Wyoming Valley. The list goes on.

Like any college, Wilkes has problems, but it is pointing itself in the direction of meeting the demands that will be put on all private liberal arts colleges in the future. What the college has in its favor far outweighs its problems.

In no way are we saying that the students should be honored to attend Wilkes College but we do have a lot to be proud of.

Pride is contagious and could unite this campus. It could create the so called "Wilkes College Family" feeling. It could motivate the students, faculty and administration to coordinate efforts that would lead to achievements never before thought possible. Apathy is not a problem on this campus. The problem is a lack of pride and respect. Let's take a look at what we've got around us and appreciate it. A simple change of attitude could make all the difference.

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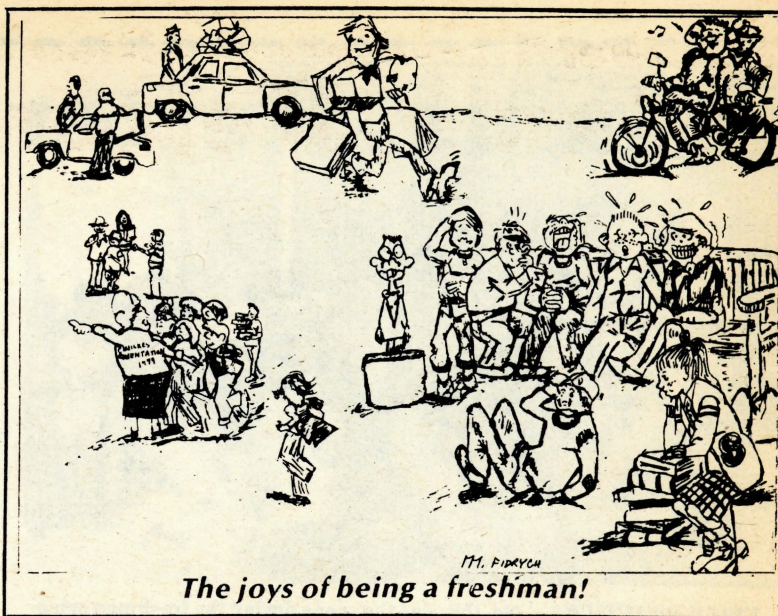
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Orientation Coordinator Thanks Student Staff

To the Editor:
To the 1979 Freshmen Orientation Staff:

You were absolutely wonderful this week-end. The time, effort and the devotion of your Labor Day Week-end was appreciated by the Deans, the Class of 1983, and myself.

Thanks to all of you, the entire week-end went smoothly. The 1979 orientation was a huge success, thank you ... Ken Avery, Gary Baranker, George Bath, Pam Bennett, Sue Bennett, Dave Blumfield, Diane Brodbeck, Marla Brodsky, Joan Brzostowski, Don Burch, Mary Burgio, Janine Cardillo, Cindy Casper, Mark Chichak, Marc Clifford, Larry Corona, Sherri Crea, Laura Danowsky, Graham Davis, Sally Davis, Maribeth DiNicola, J. Robert Doty, Darel Evans, Tom Farley, Michele Fidrych, Charlie Finn, Theresa Gabana, Joe Galli, Dan Glunk, Jayne Grim, Bobbi Hamilton, Andy Haryluck, Ed Hayduck, Kathy Hazlak, Robert Hinkin, Arnie Joseph, Paul Kanner, Theresa Keenan, Mary Kitchura, Maribeth Kofria, Keith Kolanda, Brenda Kutz, Laura Labanick, Robert Lashock, Nancy Lathrop, Pegi Mascelli, Bob Matzelle, Deb Maxwell, Jeannie McCarthy, Ruth McDermott, John McGarth, Bill Miller, John Moffatt, Bob Moran, Kim Morgan, Pat Murnin, Gary Nothstein, Ana Nunez, Tim Palmer, John Perry, Doug Phillips, Mary Kay Pogar, Ken Rogers, Dina Sauer, Edye Schlossman, Margaret Scholl, Carmela Scrimalli, Dana Schaffer, Ann Sheridan, Church Sherman, Curtis Shrawder, Mike Stapleton, Mark Swantz, Sue Tomalis, Sandy Tomko, Steve Voyce, Rob Wallace, Wnedy Warner, Dina Wasileski, Donna Whitmore, Bruce Williams, Shep Wilner, Vincent Wilcon, Jill Winslow, Alan Wirkman, Chris Woolverton, Denise Yaukey, and anyone else that helped out during orientation.

Have a fun year!

Sincerely,
Lisa Ashbaugh,
Student Coordinator

NOTICE

Homecoming is almost here! Anyone interested in joining the Homecoming staff please attend a short organizational meeting Friday, Sept. 14, at 12:15 in the Stark lobby.

NOTICE

Anyone interested in becoming co-chairmen for Student Government Social Committee please see Dave Blumfield, Marla Brodsky, or Diane Seech.

New Social Scheduling Policy

To the Editor:

The following is the new social scheduling policy which was unanimously passed by the Student Government on July 15, 1979, there by making it a permanent part of the Student Government by-laws. It is a mandatory policy and is to be treated as any other Wilkes College rule. This was composed for the purpose of eliminating scheduling conflicts and to promote the fluency of social life at Wilkes College. All dorms, clubs, and campus organization must abide by these rules. There will be NO exceptions.

Thank You.

Social Committee Co-Chairman
Marla Brodsky and Diane Seech

SOCIAL SCHEDULING POLICY

I. Reason.

- To reduce conflicts between Wilkes College Social Events.
- A required process for scheduling events.

II. General Rules.

- No more than two events shall be scheduled on one night.
- This shall include any all-college activities, not private parties.
- Any pre-existing dates on the calendar shall take precedence of selection.
- All events shall be marked on the social calendar in the SG Office. Dean Hoover and the Social Committee will keep up-to-date records of all events.
- No events will be scheduled to conflict with any All-College Weekend Activities (Homecoming, Winter Weekend, Cherry Blossom).
- No party shall be confirmed until it is approved by Dean Hoover and the Social Committee.
- Proposal events will be given rights on a first come, first serve basis.
- Any event must be requested three weeks before the event is to take place.
- All sponsors are responsible for the damage and cleanup of the campus facility.

- These rules adhere to all clubs, organizations, dorms, etc.
- Any sponsor failing to follow the said rules of the scheduling policy, Alcohol Policy, or rules of the building (where event is held) will be questioned before the advisory board and/or negatively considered for holding another function that current academic semester.
- All sponsors are encouraged to enter dates on the calendar for the following academic year.

III. SCHEDULING PROCESS.

- Any sponsor requesting a date shall contact Dean Hoover.
- A description of the event, estimated budget, sponsors, organization, telephone, requested date, and present date must be given to the Dean for reference and selection.
- The dean shall tentatively hold the requested date.
- A member of the social committee, Dean Hoover, and Director of the SUB shall meet twice a week to discuss scheduling of events.
- Events shall be chosen according to "General Rules" (Section II)
- A social committee member shall inform the sponsor if they can hold their requested function and date.
- If the request is denied, the sponsor may contact Dean Hoover and request an alternative date immediately.
- The above sponsor's alternatives will take precedence over requests submitted after the sponsors.
- When a date is confirmed the dates shall immediately be marked on the social calendar.
- Advertisement, publicity, and ticket sales may begin after the confirmation.

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- These rules are retroactive September 4, 1979.

Orientation Weekend Deemed A Success

September is a month for beginnings and recently over 600 new students received their first taste of Wilkes College by means of a three-day orientation program.

The program began Sept. 1, when President Capin and Gerald Hartdagen, dean of academic affairs welcomed the class. Following, Dean Ralston explained orientation particulars, and led the class of '83 in their first attempt at the "Go Wilkes" cheer.

The new students were then split into three groups. Paul Adams, director of housing, addressed the resident students. Dean Hoover explained policies and college life to the commuters; while Dean Ralston spoke to the transfer students.

These groups then separated into much smaller discussion groups where student leaders discussed various aspects of college life. Reunited with their parents, the students then enjoyed a picnic on the Bedford-Pickering Lawn.

The first day concluded with a successful dance and mixer sponsored by the Student Government featuring "Abilene" with a good time had by all.

The second day started with a reunion of the discussion groups and followed with the first class meeting. David Blumfield, president of SG, spoke to the capacity crowd and felt that they showed much enthusiasm and unity. Later on the students were given the opportunity to meet with their department chairmen, and also under went testing with Dr. Driscoll.

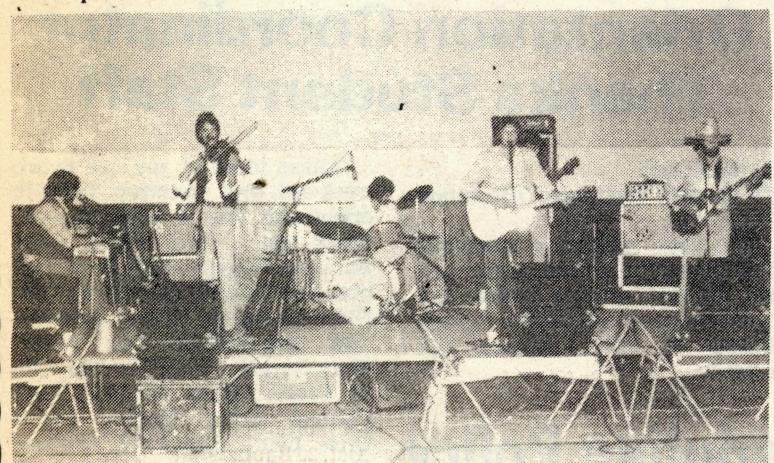
Dr. Robert Riley began the third and final day when he spoke to the students on "College and You." Math and Diagnostic Testing was then administered to new students.

The New Student Orientation program was under the direction of Student Government with Lisa Ashbaugh and Ken Rogers as Student Coordinators. They worked with the Dean's staff and approximately 100 student volunteers to make this year's orientation program one of the best ever.

Margaret Scholl



CHOIR PRACTICE? — No, this was the scene during the freshmen orientation picnic outside Bedford Hall.



The Band Abilene offered the entertainment at the Freshmen Mixer last weekend.



TAKING A BREATH — Members of the Resident Assistant staff eat lunch during orientation. They are from left to right: Megan Ward, Janet-Croft, Sue Isaacs, Jackie Wiendle, and Gail Lovering.



Maggie Says What's Happening

Student Government will kick-off their 1979-80 Film Series Sept. 14 with "Think Dirty" starring Marty Feldman. This year's films have something for everyone in their variety of comedy, drama, suspense, and melodrama. "Think Dirty" will be shown at 7 and 9 p.m. in SLC 101.

Currently on display in the Sordani Art Gallery are recent paintings of Ricardo Viera. The exhibit will be in the Gallery until Sept. 16th. Hours for the show are Sunday through Friday 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday evenings, 6-9 p.m.

"Wilkes College Day" at HersheyPark will be held Sept. 16th. Tickets are presently on sale in the SG Used Bookstore and the cafeteria. Buses will depart from Wilkes at 8 a.m.

The Wilkes College Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Performing Arts will be the setting for the Showcase Theater's Presentation of "Seascape" on Sept. 14th, 15th and 16th with curtain time at 8:30 p.m. (except Sun. 1-hour earlier). Wilkes Students can attend Thurs., Sept. 13th at 8:00 p.m. at a reduced ticket price of \$2.50. Other performances will be \$3.50.

The Wilkes College Concert and Lecture Series will open the 1979-80 season on Sept. 17th, with a lecture by Ross Terrill, an authority on China both before and after the Cultural Revolution. The Australian-born Terrill, served as chief analyst for CBS during the presidential trip in 1972. The lecture will begin at 8 p.m. in the CPA.

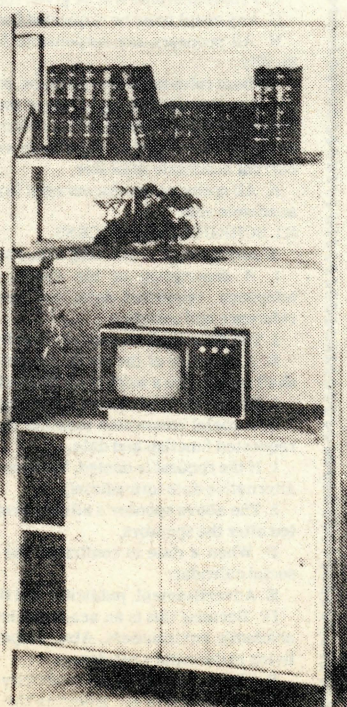
Wednesday, Sept. 19th will be the second date of the Concert and Lecture Series with the performance of "Twelfth Night" by the National Players. The performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts.

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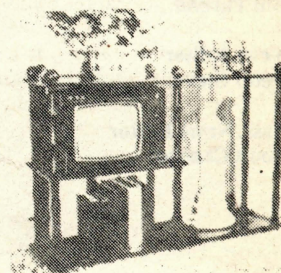
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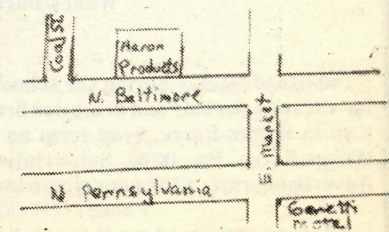
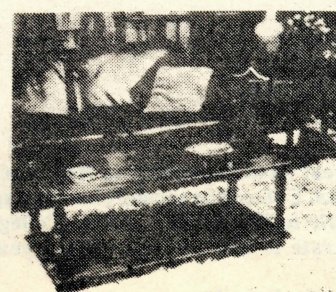


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Sports

between the WHITE lines

by Eddie White

Welcome Back!

Welcome Back! I guess you've heard the more than once during the past week or so. But the "big story" around Wilkes' sports this week is now who's welcomed back, but who wasn't.

There have been many coaching changes since we've last seen each other. The major change comes in men's basketball, where two coaches were hired since the end of last season.

You might remember that Joe Super, as assistant with Hartwick, was named as the new coach in the last issue of the Beacon last year. Super replaced Rodger Bearde who lost his job to tenure. Well, Super held the post for a month and resigned, yeah, he resigned, due to personal reasons, (girlfriend and all that).

His departure let Wilkes-cage fans and the AD John Reese up in the air, like maybe, SUPERMAN. Reese was pressured to find a replacement fast and keep the program from dying. Then, he came across the "right" man.

The Wilkes athletic office hired former St. Joe's cager Ron Righter, who stands at 6-7, to handle the men's basketball chores. Once you meet Righter, you'll know why people are saying Wilkes will be a basketball power in two years or so. The likeable former Hawk, replaced another great guy in Bearde. It is rare in sports when one "real nice guy" replaces another.

The only problem we have in all this, is trying to figure out why Righter was passed up the first time around. Anyway, he's here and men's basketball at Wilkes is on the way up, with some top-notch recruits and a host of talented lettermen returning including All-World Kendall McNeil. Don't be too surprised to see the Colonels in the MAC playoffs this winter. Another basketball appointment (men's) is new assistant coach Steve Justice, who replaces Clarence Ozo, who left to assist Bearde at Lake-Lehman High School near Dallas.

Justice and Righter both possess "big-time"; backgrounds, instrumental in turning a program like Wilkes around. Righter was All-Big Five with the Hawks and played for Coach Jack McKinney, recently named coach of the L.A. Lakers. The day he got the job, McKinney called Righter to give him the good news. Justice is a former Minnesota cager who played with the likes of Jim Brewer and San Diego Padres' superstar Dave Winfield. Both will also run the Wilkes College cross country program this fall.

In women's basketball, East Stroudsburg State grad Nancy Roberts was named to replace Sandy Bloomberg as head coach. Bloomberg, like Bearde, lost her job to tenure. Roberts will be very busy this year as she will also be the head coach of the women's softball team, as former head coach Gay Meyers moves down to an assistant position. Roberts will also assist the women's tennis program.

Another new head coach is Lew Partridge, who takes over the head women's tennis reigns from Bloomberg. Partridge, a fine player in his own right, was an assistant last year and was a natural choice for the head job this season.

AD Reese told us that Charles "Chuck" Mattei will take over as head lacrosse coach at Wilkes succeeding the departed Jon Hobrock, who according to sources, was "terminated" as coach. Mattei was head mentor of the Blue and Gold stickmen a few years back and should have no problem this spring. He will be assisted by Fred Lohman. Another assistant named for the fall was former Nanticoke Area head football coach Dan Distasio, who was appointed as an assistant defensive coach for football.

And if the "out with the old, in with the new" coaching changes were not enough, we encountered a "switch" during the off-season. Ernesto Lopez, last year's Wilkes asst. soccer coach, will be the head mentor this fall, and former head coach Kurt Hagman, will serve as his assistant.

It seems Hagman will not have enough time to be a head coach with his new duties with WDAU-TV, where he serves as a sports reporter during the week and the head weekend sports broadcaster.

Welcome Back!

Eddie White III

Harriers Look For Best, Will Run "Right" Way

After their first two winning seasons in the history of the program, the Wilkes College cross country team will be out to have its best season yet.

One of the reasons for this is the return of all the lettermen of last season. The other reason is the appointment of new head coach Ron Righter, who was also appointed head basketball coach. "I am very impressed with the team. The at-

titude is good and I hope to continue the winning ways with a lot of hard work," stated Righter.

One of the ways Righter is trying to improve the team is by having them run twice a day. Righter has also added more stretching exercises which includes yoga. Helping out Coach Righter will be Steve Justice, who will also be assistant basketball coach.

This year's captain is senior Don

Patrick. Other key members of the team are freshman sensation of last season, Ken Pascoe; a now healthy Danny Thomas; senior Roger Davis; juniors Ed Eppler and Vince D'Amato; and sophomore Lou Mucchio who Righter says "could be the darkhorse of the team." Key freshmen are Steve Kovac, Bob Feldman and Kevin Cavanaugh.

Overall, Righter feels "we will be surprising and I think by the Scranton meet we can beat them." Another thing Righter would like to get across to the people of Wilkes is "I am a person that likes to win and none of the sports (basketball and cross country) will be shortchanged. I will devote as much time to both sports."

SCHEDULE

Sept. 15 King's and Delaware Valley	(H)
Sept. 19 Baptist Bible	(H)
Sept. 26 Scranton and Muhlenberg	(A)
Sept. 29 Phila. Textile and Albright	(H)
Oct. 3 Lebanon Valley	(H)
Oct. 6 Moravian	(A)
Oct. 10 Albright	(H)
Oct. 13 Mansfield State	(A)
Oct. 16 Susquehanna	(A)
Oct. 20 Baptist Bible	(A)
Nov. 3 MAC Championship	

Rich Nordheim



NEW MEN'S COACH — Wilkes College athletic director John Reese, right, welcomes new men's basketball and cross country coach Ron Righter, to the Wilkes campus. (PHOTO BY MILLER)

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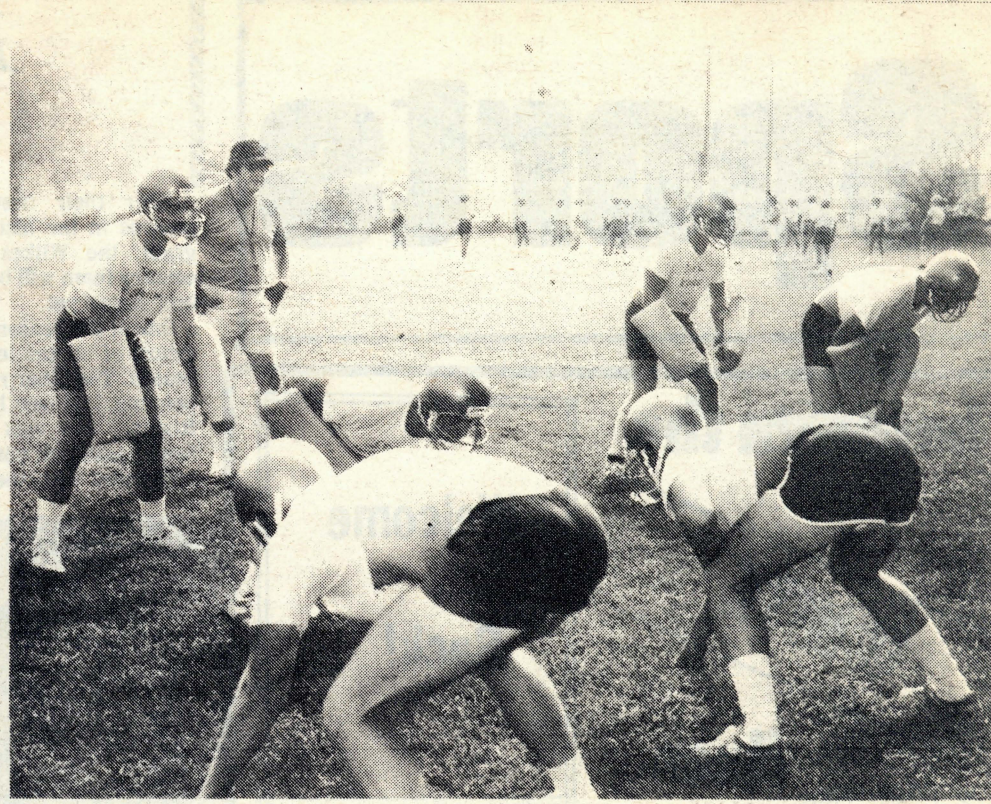
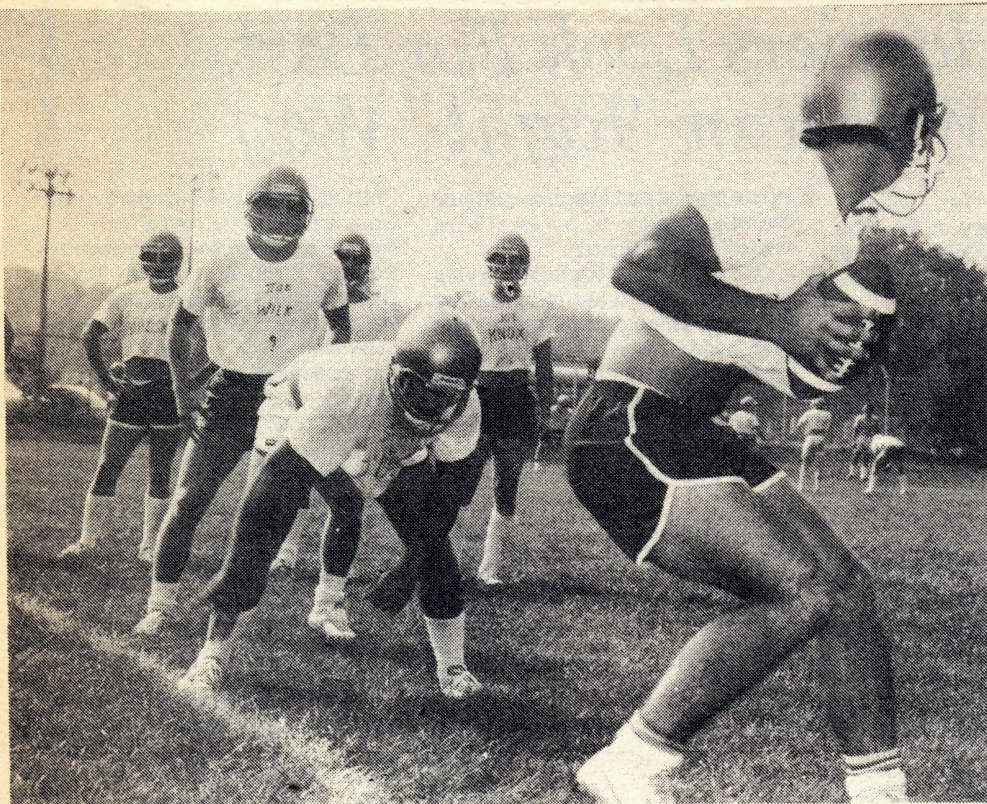
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GETTING READY — Wilkes College opened up its pre-season football drills a few weeks back and here is some of the action. At left, sophomore quarterback Tom Cywinski gets set to hand off to back Sean O'Dea while tailback Joe Wilk looks on. In the right photo, asst. coach

Joe Moran looks over his offensive line as it goes through drills. The Colonels open up this Saturday at home. (PHOTO BY MILLER)

Wilkes Gridders Open Saturday

Wilkes College football — 1979. It opens up this Saturday. Be There!

In what should be a barn-burner for an opening game, the Colonels will host Delaware Valley College, which opened its season a week ago with a 30-0 triumph over Washington and Lee. Meanwhile, the Blue and Gold took part in the annual scrimmage with Princeton University in New Jersey.

Last season, Wilkes opened up 1978 with a 10-9 win over the Aggies in Doylestown. Last Saturday, Wilkes dropped a 22-21 decision to the Ivy League school in the scrim-

mage after leading most of the way.

Good news, Wilkes fans! The Colonels showed an offense Saturday led by quarterbacks Tom Cywinski and Mike Wilson. Many fans are wondering who will start at QB for the Colonels. Coach Schmidt has told the BEACON, Cywinski, a sophomore, will get the nod against Del Val.

"Tommy started the last few games last season and we won our last three outings, so we'll go with him as a starter," stated Schmidt, who enters his 18th year at the helm of Wilkes. In the starting backfield with Cywinski will be tailback

Carmen LoPresto, who was All-MAC last year and could be All-American this season, and senior fullback Paul Kotulak.

Against Princeton the strong-point of the whole Wilkes attack was as always the defense of coordinator Ed Lukas. The line was ferocious against the Division I Tigers, the linebackers were hard-hitting while picking up two interceptions and the secondary was strong in spots. Newcomer Bill Lugiano, a senior transfer from Susquehanna University had one interception while senior Jim Martin, had the other on a brilliant one-

handed intercept.

Also impressive in the scrimmage was back Mark Hmelak, a sophomore transfer from, again, Susquehanna University. There is no truth to the rumor that SU has a plaque. Hmelak came in for LoPresto and did a fine job and tallied Wilkes first score. The Colonels second TD came on a one-yard plunge by Cywinski, whose nick-name is "Deer-Hunter."

Senior Mike Wilson showed he is a contender for the QB job by passing to always-ready and underrated Cliff Jones for the Wilkesmen's final score of the day.

The Colonels' kicker for the past four years, Dan Pisarcik is gone via graduation and a baseball contract with the Cincinnati Reds and Schmidt tried two soccer style kickers against Princeton.

Soph Tony Tavella, a transfer from Lock Haven State, booted the first two extra-points for Wilkes, while Mike Ardoline, a freshman from Pittston, added the third. The surprise of the day was the punting of All-MAC guard Jim Beck. The senior banged out many a booming kick against the Tigers and could become All-MAC at two positions. Go get 'em, Jim!

Eddie White III

MAC Preview

Lycoming, Upsala Strong

Wilkes College is expected to be a challenger for the MAC Northern Division title this season and here is a look at the other teams:

LYCOMING — The Warriors are the defending champs and will be led by All-MAC quarterback Rick Burd, who many feel is the best signal caller in the league. Coach Frank Girardi's team, 7-2 a year ago, will be very strong defensively, and if he gets some rushing offense, the Lyco express might be ready to roll again this year. Last season, the Warriors smashed the Colonels 41-8 at Ralston Field and this season, the Blue and Gold must travel to Williamsport. Don't hold your breath!

UPSALA — The Vikes of East Orange, N.J. are coming off two consecutive 7-2 seasons and talk around the school is they want an undefeated season. Coach John Hooper, who's been around as long as aspirin, has a good team back with many holdovers from 1978. Upsala goes with the two-quarterback system using either Johnny Allen or

Dave Nucia, ala Morton and Weese at Denver. Don Oshiro is their top ground-gainer and he could give a defense problems with the Vikes strong offensive line. Wilkes lost 20-10 down there last year (it was much closer than the score indicates) and could pull a win out of the hat here on Sept. 29.

JUNIATA — Reading Juniata's press releases, one gets the feeling this team belong in the NFL. Not because of their talent, but because the school feels the whole team has pro potential. Bull!!! If they did, they would not be in Division III. Anyway, the Indians ranked nationally in six categories last year, but ended up with a 5-4 overall slate and were knocked from the MAC playoffs when they were upset 14-10 by Wilkes at Ralston Field in the annual "Anthracite Bowl."

Big gun for Coach Dean Rossi is All-everything back DeWayne Rideout, who averaged 120-yards per game on the ground a year ago. This season, Wilkes plays at Huntingdon, which is always an adven-

ture. The last time there, Wilkes was on the short end of a 5-3, that's right, 5-3 score.

ALBRIGHT — Always expected to be tough, the Lions could roar through the MAC in 1979 if they play up to their potential. Last season, they slumped to a 3-6 overall slate, but soph. QB Kurt Schneider is expected to lead them this year along with back Julio Pellegrini, the leading rusher in 1978. Defense could be the weak point for the Lions and a team with a half-decent offense could have a field day against Albright. The Lions downed Wilkes 24-6 a year ago at Ralston Field. Wilkes must now meet them in Reading in 1979 on Oct. 20.

SUSQUEHANNA — Who wants to play for Susquehanna? It looks like nobody. The Crusaders were 1-8 last year and will not go anywhere again this season. Two of Susquehanna's standouts from a year ago are now wearing the Blue and Gold uniform of Wilkes. Linebacker Bill Lugiano and back Mark Hmelak, both from Wyoming

Valley, came home following last year's football season in Selinsgrove. Bob Fessler will lead the defense for SU, while Tom O'Neil will guide the offense from his quarterback spot.

DELAWARE VALLEY — This week's Wilkes College opponent. A preview is not really necessary, because you can see the Aggies for yourself this Saturday at Ralston Field at 1:30. They do have a super defensive backfield (beware Tom Cywinski) and possess a better than average offense.

MADISON FDU — Who? That's right, for the second straight year, the Jersey Devils are expected to be broken, and Wilkes should coast to an easy win on Oct. 13 for Homecoming at Ralston Field. Only in its sixth year of college football, FDU comes off a 1-8 season, but boasts 52 lettermen. Holy Cow!!! Gene Dul will be the quarterback, while tight end Joe Memmolo shows good credentials.

Sports Notes

The Beacon sports department regrets to announce that due to the new printer and smaller size of each page, some of the fall sports had to be left off this week's sports pages. We will have coverage of those sports in next week's issue.

INTRAMURALS — The "Pipeline" captured the title in the Wilkes College intramural softball league last spring. Anyone wishing to cover Wilkes College intramurals for the Beacon is asked to contact the sports dept. at ext. 473.

The Beacon has exclusively learned that Gary Mack, a junior from Kingston, has resigned as sports director at WCLH.

Mack told the Beacon that all he would say now was that he resigned for "personal reasons."

SPORTS